

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Fifteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT -36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Lombardo, Lynch Prata.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Kettle, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Kettle to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fourteenth Legislative Days of the 2017 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Kettle and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal is approved as recorded.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Archambault and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Eric, Dawn, and Danika Deneault.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

February 8th, 2017

Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 145
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that the following bill be withdrawn at the sponsor's request.

The legislation I would like to have withdrawn is 2017 Senate Bill S-107 which has been assigned to the Education Committee. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator Roger A. Picard
Senate District 20

Read and placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
FROM THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 171

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Matthew Nahmias to join Lauren Langwith and Matthew Lanuto in marriage on or about July 1, 2017, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC1101/1}

Read and ordered to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 182**BY** Gee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas S. Kaplanes to join Autumn Yeo and Timothy Stauffer in marriage on or about June 24, 2017, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)

{LC955/1}

Read and ordered to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 221**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Jody Zambero to join Erin Dayton and Michael Bono in marriage on or about June 24, 2017, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.)

{LC1167/1}

Read and ordered to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 225**BY** Paiva Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Henry F. Winthrop to join Grace Gould Lender and Stephen Bradford Turcotte in marriage on or about March 11, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC1023/1}

Read and ordered to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 227**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Irwin M. Rosen to join Christina Rose Dooling and Eric Paul Hediger in marriage on or about August 26, 2017, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.)

{LC1151/1}

Read and ordered to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 228**BY** Paiva Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Henry F. Winthrop to join Beatrice Francoise Recher and Wayne Edward McLead in marriage on or about July 1, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC1024/1}

Read and ordered to the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 240****BY** Paiva Weed, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JACK KANE ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2017 HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR

{LC996/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by McCaffrey

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2017-H 5014**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE BEACON HILL LANE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Goodwin announces that due to inclement weather, tomorrow's session will be cancelled.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Kettle, the Senate adjourns at 4:26 o'clock P.M.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR NICHOLAS D. KETTLE**

Dear Lord, We thank you for giving us the opportunity and privilege of being the voice of our constituents in their government. Help us to make the right and just choices in our decisions to improve the lives of all our citizens. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017:**

1. **2017-S 171**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2017-S 182**
 BY Gee
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2017-S 221**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2017-S 225**
 BY Paiva Weed
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2017-S 227**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
6. **2017-S 228**
 BY Paiva Weed
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

The following item has been transmitted to the Governor:

House Bill No. 5014

BY Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF THE BEACON HILL LANE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

{LC23/1}